

DAVID EVANS, JR.

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David Evans, Jr., son of Bishop David Evans and Barbara Ann Ewell Evans, was born in Lehi January 28, 1852. His early life was spent in his native city working on his father's farm in the summer and attending the district school in the winter.

After reaching his majority, he taught school for a time in the Franklin School "over the creek" and, in connection with Samuel R. Thurman, commenced reading law.

He went to Ann Arbor in 1884 and after his return moved to Provo, where he and Thurman conducted a law firm until 1887. As United States Deputy Marshal, Mr. Evans effected the arrest of John D. Lee and during 1887-1891, he was Assistant United States District Attorney under C. S. Varian at Provo.

About this time he moved to Ogden. He was in the Utah Legislature in 1892 and an active member of the Constitutional convention in 1895. In 1896, Mr. Evans was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Chicago, where William Jennings Bryan received his first nomination for President of the United States. He lived in Salt Lake City for a time and moved to California about 1902, where he has been interested in some large enterprises near Los Angeles. He is now a prominent attorney in the "City of the Angels." He has been interested in mining to some extent in Utah and has been quite successful in this line.

In 1881 he married Leah M. Nagle, a daughter of John C. and Louisa Nagle. Three daughters have been born to them, one dying in infancy, the other two are Lucile and Irma, who are receiving a liberal education.

Although Mr. Evans has risen to fame and fortune, he has shown on many occasions that he has a tender feeling for the place of his nativity and for the friends of his youth.